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Mission Statement

The Napa Valley Genealogical Society is dedicated to the promotion of genealogical, historical, and biographical research, and the preservation of family history. The society serves as a medium to share knowledge through workshops and educational programs.



A Message from our President

The fall brings some changes to our society, starting with September after Labor Day. Our day time hours move from opening at 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Closure will be at 5 (or 4:30 if no one is researching). Our member Hilary Wardlaw studied our sign-in records for a few years and discovered that it was not worth having the library open at 10 a.m. week days. Saturdays remain the same. Member Chris Burditt volunteered to staff the library the first and third Monday evenings, from 5 to 8. Thank you to all the members who will be staffing these new hours.

On September 15, we will enjoy the results of our annual fundraising efforts by partying at the Napa Senior Center. See a separate page in this newsletter and watch for emails reminding us of this event. Sharon Marangoni contacted Ancestry.com and with their generosity, will be donating 4 prizes for those who buy raffle tickets (not the wine draw tickets) at the WineFest on September 15. This could very well be the last Wine Draw, but not necessarily the last celebration. We just don't get the donations like we used too; moreover, this event requires a 10-month commitment to pull it altogether.

Our October program will be presented on DNA and should prove interesting to members and non-members alike. This is a perfect kick-off for the formation of a new SIG. Watch for more details.

Just for fun, the first Saturday in November will be genealogy crafting day. Times TBA. Member Roxanne Hogan and I are putting together some fun things to do with all those pictures and small collectibles. We will have gift-giving in mind as well as a door prize. Watch for details and a sign-up sheet for RSVPs in the next couple of months.

Genealogy experiences are much more fun with friends. Encourage them to become a member.

Karen Burzdak
NVGS President

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

Sep 2016

- Sep 7, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, **VACATION no meeting**.
Sep 12, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGS Library.
Sep 13, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.
Sep 15, (3rd Thurs) Evening festivities, "**WINEFEST**" 6:30pm, at the Senior Center.
Sep 27, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Oct 2016

- Oct 5, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1pm NVGS Library.
Oct 10, (2nd Mon) **BOARD MEETING**, 2pm NVGS Library.
Oct 11, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.
Oct 20, (3rd Thur) Program, **DNA Testing: How to use it for your Genealogy**. Presented by Vernon Smith of the Marin County Genealogical Society. 1:30pm at NVGS Library.
Oct 25, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

WinePress deadline, Oct 25, articles to Editor Sandra Hoover, email articles or drop off in editor's box at library. Email: sandrahoover@comcast.net

Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

Sep 22-24, 2016 "**Montana Genealogical Society Annual Conference**" Judy Russell will speak on Dowered or Bound Out: Records of Widows & Orphans, How Old Did He Have To Be...", What does THAT mean" Understanding the Language of the Law, DNA and the Golden Rule. Amy Crow will speak about After Mustering Out: Researching Civil War Veterans, Butcher, Baker, Candlestick Maker: Using Occupational Records, Timelines: The Swiss Army Knife of Genealogical Research, and How Do I Know That's My Ancestor? Conference will be at the Hilton Garden Inn Missoula, MT. More information at www.montanams.org/conferences.

Oct 22, 2016 "**San Mateo County Genealogical Society Fall Seminar**" **Research Rewards** will be presented by Paula Stuart-Warren CGSM, FMGS, FUGA, Paula is a top, nationally known, professional genealogist, and author and lecturer, who specializes in methodology, U.S. National Archives, Midwestern & Plains states, American Indians, and unusual records. For more information go to <http://www.smcs.org/programs/seminars>.

Oct 29, 2016 "**DNA Results**" California Genealogical Society and Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612. Time 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Further information go to: <http://californiaancestors.org>.

Nov 5, 2016 "**Cyndi Ingle at Preservation Park**" Want to learn how to dig deeper online? You've used her award-winning genealogy indexing site, CyndisList.com, but did you know that she's a nationally-recognized genealogy lecturer & author? Continued on page 7.



NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

California

- 979.432 J25on *Oroville, CA High School Yearbook, 1942*
979.4 V32ma *Confederates in California. Confederates buried in California and Confederates who were in California at one time.*
979.465 H2s *Mt. Eden, Cradle of the Salt Industry in California.* History and many family histories. Some of the family names included are Russell, Penke, Eden, Nielsen, Harder, Dennis.

Family Histories

- 929.2 B329 *Our Bates Genealogy.* Included in the volume are photos, pedigree charts and an index.

Ohio

- 977.138 V29tc *Trumbull County Ohio Marriage Record Index, One Hundred Years, 1800-1900.* V. 1 & V.2.
977.119 H29ho *History of Hancock County, Ohio.* Containing a history of the county, its townships, villages, schools, churches; Portraits of early settlers and prominent men; Biographies, statistical and miscellaneous matter.

United States

- 974.W28ab *The Great Migration directory.* Immigrants to New England, 1620-1640.

Washington

- 979.782 H29rg *Postmarked Washington, Lewis and Cowlitz counties.* Pictures and family histories.

Mary's Book Corner

Paper Love



Journalist Sarah Wildman finds a hidden cache of letters after the death of her grandparents and embarks on a quest to find out what happened to her grandfather's lover after he escaped from the Nazis in 1938 without her. The book reads like a novel but is full of information gleaned from meticulous research into obscure documents. Although there is no formal bibliography, the Notes and Sources at the end of the book give enough information for the reader to track down the material she used. I thought I was well informed about the Holocaust but I discovered much new information and highly recommend it.

*Happy reading,
Mary*



Welcome New Members

Name	Surname Searches
Sharon Damato	Emery, Martin, Reed-Damato, Rubia, Wisley
Judith Gates	Morrison, Sheldon, Wells
James Rubins	Rubins and a couple of 1849ers in the foothills.
Teresa Stanley	Aflauge, Chapin, Dimert, Eckblad, Wayland



NEW LIBRARY HOURS FOR FALL

Beginning September 7th, the library will have new hours. The new hours are due to a survey of the times that patrons use the library. We found that the times the library was most busy was closer to noon and later into the day. We also added the 1st and 3rd Mondays into the mix for those who still work daytime hours.

1st and 3rd Mondays from 5 PM – 8 PM

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 11 AM – 5 PM

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Saturdays 10 AM – 2 PM.

As always, please call ahead to the library to make sure it is open. The library is run solely by volunteers, and sometimes we simply cannot staff it.

Contra Costa Genealogy Society presents Fall Seminar—October 15, 2016

"Ancestors on the Move: Immigration and Naturalization."

National speaker, John Philip Colletta, Ph.D. will be the speaker and his topics are:

- "Immigration to America, Colonial Times to Post-World War II: Where Do Your Ancestors Fit In? - [Colonial Times to 1882" - Part I](#)
- "Immigration to America, Colonial Times to Post-World War II: Where Do Your Ancestors Fit In? - [1882 to Post-World War II" - Part II](#)
- "U.S. Naturalization Records, 1790-1930s: Sources and Strategies for Challenging Cases"
- "Turning Biographical Facts into Real Life Events: How to Build Historical Context"

John Colletta is a wonderful speaker who brings genealogy studies to life with engaging stories.

Our seminar will be held at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette, California. The program is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. An optional lunch can be purchased along with your registration. There will also be book sales and raffles. Seating is limited to 150 people.

For more information go to <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caccggs/>

WINEFEST EVENING



**GREAT
FOOD**

**Napa Valley Genealogical Society
presents
September *WineFest***



**FAMILY
STORIES**

**TRIVIA
GAMES**

CELEBRATE YOUR AMERICAN ANCESTORS

**DOOR
PRIZES**

**Thursday, Sep 15, 2016
6:30p.m.
Senior Center
1500 Jefferson Napa, CA**

**EVENING-
DRAWINGS**

**\$ 5.00 donation requested
RSVP to 252-2252**



PROGRAM

**Napa Valley Genealogical Society
October Program**

Vernon Smith of the Marin County Genealogical Society will present
**DNA TESTING:
HOW TO USE IT FOR YOUR GENEALOGY**



You will learn:
The basics of genealogy testing.
Where you can test and what results you might get.
Attaching results to your online tree.
And more....

**Thursday, Oct 20, 2016
1:30p.m.
Napa Valley Genealogy Library
1701 Menlo Avenue, Napa, CA**

**PLEASE JOIN US AT 1:00 pm FOR REFRESHMENTS
www.napavalleygenealogy.org**

Jabber from Janice

DNA TESTING



Three companies stand out in the new genealogy craze -- DNA testing:

Family Tree DNA, 23andMe and [Ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) DNA. If you test with different companies, expect different information as to your ethnic make up, they each have separate control groups they use for comparison. From what I have heard, 23andMe does the most accurate testing and comparisons. Many people test with all three. If you have decided to jump in with both feet, this Wiki on Family Search is extremely helpful in explaining the mystery of DNA for genealogy and the various testing programs.

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Hiring_a_DNA_Testing_Company

It surprised me that my DNA was different from my brother. But understanding the DNA inheritance helped remind me that we each have 50 % DNA contribution from each of our parents. The 50% you get from your mother is different from the 50% your older sister gets. Only identical twins will get the same DNA. Further down the line, you get 25% from each of your grandparents, 12.5% from each of your great grandparents, etc. I credit Christine Bell Green, PLCGS, with clarifying the background info on testing. She has shared her lecture notes on --

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caebaygs/doc/I_have_tested_my_DNA.pdf

Here are some websites that can arm you with information:

A wiki site created by and for the genetic genealogist.

http://isogg.org/wiki/Wiki_Welcome_Page

A podcast by Lisa Louise Cooke on the *FamilyTree Magazine* site (older but helpful).

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/>

The Legal Genealogist (right side of page has several DNA articles).

<http://www.legalgenealogist.com>

Your Genetic Genealogist has many media sources.

<http://www.yourgeneticgenealogist.com/p/resources.html>

Now to find those cousins you need to submit your DNA to a project. I used the Cox Surname project which traces the male lineage with my brother's YDNA sample. The mtDNA follows the female line but although interesting gives less genealogical information. With the advent of autosomal DNA testing you can match up any surname so you may need to join many projects not just your surname but also other surnames in your family tree. These sites will usually have an email address so you may contact and share information with a potential "cousin" and hopefully tear down a brick wall.

My favorite, Cyndi's list, has many suggestions on DNA projects.

<http://www.cyndislist.com/surnames/dna>

If you did your sample through Ancestry, that site can also do a comparison with their subscribers. Submit using the information on the DNA testing kit to the Ancestry site.

Happy hunting!

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“Cyndi Ingle at Preservation Park”

Come discover what you've been missing through her day-long series of classes and let Cyndi's 35 years of genealogical experience help you unlock hidden doors to your family history research.

The seminar is at historic Preservation Park in downtown Oakland, CA. Free parking for participants is located across the street at City Center West garage on the day of the event. A wonderful lunch and free coffee throughout the day is also provided with your admission.

Presented by California Genealogical and Society Library.

For more information: <http://californiaancestors.org>.

May 6, 2017 “**Root Cellar 2017 Spring Seminar**” Presented by Sacramento Genealogical Society. Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd. Fair Oaks, CA. Registration dates will be announced in 2017. Information at: www.rootcellar.org.

Pennsylvania Library Digital Records

Spotlight: Whitehall Township Public Library, Pennsylvania
by Valerie Beaudrault, Assistant Editor

Whitehall Township is located in Lehigh County, in eastern Pennsylvania. The Whitehall Township Public Library website provides a number of resources under the Digital Library tab.

Samuel & Rosa Kern Letter Collection

Providing a glimpse into life in Victorian-era Pennsylvania between 1879 and 1887, the correspondence between Samuel Kern and his wife, Rosa, covered various topics including sports, social activities, illness, education, and weather.

Historic Picture Collection

This collection contains historic photographs of Whitehall Township and the surrounding area.

Civil War Grave Registrations

Civil War Grave Registrations for Lehigh County were collected in the 1930s by the Works Progress Administration (WPA). While most of the veterans in the database fought in the Union Army, some were Confederate Army veterans.

Historic Book Collection

This collection currently contains four items, including a volume of transcribed death records (1894-1905) held by the Monroe County, Pennsylvania, Court House.

Whitehall High School Yearbook Collection

Whitehall High School yearbooks from 1922 through 2014 can be browsed by year or searched.

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